

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-16; amend Claims 17 and 18; and, add new Claims 19 and 20 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) A telephone switch comprising:

a microphone amplifier;

a first and a second microphone connected to the microphone amplifier;

a bias circuit connected between the microphone amplifier and the first and second microphones; and

a single switch connected between the ~~bias circuit~~ microphone amplifier and the first microphone, a first bias current flowing to the first microphone through the single switch when the single switch is in an on position, a second bias current flowing to the second microphone when the single switch is in an off position.

18. (currently amended) A method of selecting an active microphone in a telephone circuit comprising:

positioning a bias circuit between a microphone amplifier and a first and second microphone;

providing a single switch between the ~~bias circuit~~ microphone amplifier and the first microphone;

providing a first bias current to the first microphone through the single switch when the single switch is in an on position; and

providing a second bias current to the second microphone when the single switch is in an off position.

19. (new) The telephone switch according to Claim 17, wherein the bias circuit is connected directly to the second microphone.

20. (new) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the positioning step comprises connecting the bias circuit directly to the second microphone.